

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF BROCK LIVELY

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Brock Lively who served as an intern in my office from May 16 to July 29, 2016. I recently learned of Brock's interest to explore military service after graduating from Loyola University in May 2018 with honors in history.

I speak to Brock's character with enthusiasm for his commitment to service. In addition to accomplishing the leadership of an Eagle Scout, Brock has given of himself on many faith-based and humanitarian missions around the globe. He carried my appreciation for the time he takes to give back to his community and country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call votes 439 and 440 on September 5, 2017. Had I been present, my votes would have been the following: Aye on Roll Call votes 439 and 440.

MAY BRILL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army and Coast Guard veteran, Mrs. May Brill of Camden in New Jersey's First Congressional District.

May Brill was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1924. After her two brothers enlisted, wanting to show her patriotism Brill enlisted at the age of 20, she became a part of the supply core in a division of the U.S. Navy known as W.A.V.E.S. Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service.

Sent to Hunter College in the Bronx, New York for basic training where women were trained with the same Advanced Individual Training as men, Mrs. Brill was selected to receive additional training at the U.S. Naval Training School in Georgia State College for Women located in Milledgeville, GA. It was here May learned the specialized skills for her military duties in the supply core.

Mrs. Brill ended up stationed in Oakland, California. She started off ranked as a Seamen Third Class, the lowest rank in the Navy, but worked her way up five ranks to become a Storekeeper Second Class.

Her duties were to procure equipment, tools, medical supplies, and consumable goods to ship off to supply the ships and bases in the Pacific.

Currently, Mrs. Brill is very active as an advocate for Veterans and women in the military, she currently serves as: Senior vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126, New Jersey Chairperson of "Women in the Military" Chairperson for the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home.

Additionally, she has four daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She wishes for less war and more peaceful times for the future.

Mrs. Brill is an honorable American, having served our great nation in a time of war, and merits our collective appreciation.

I ask you to join me in saluting and thanking May Brill for her service to our country and her ongoing commitment to our nation's veterans.

HONORING THE FAIRFIELD AMERICAN BASEBALL TEAM'S SUCCESSSES AT THE 2017 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Fairfield American Little League baseball team following its participation in the 2017 Little League World Series.

For years, Southwest Connecticut has produced outstanding baseball clubs, and 2017 was no exception. After an undefeated run in which they captured district, state and regional titles, Fairfield American went on to represent New England in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. The team finished the season as the number three team in the country, defeating Washington and New Jersey twice before falling to eventual United States champion Texas. They were welcomed back to Connecticut with a grand celebration, receiving the key to the town of Fairfield from First Selectman Mike Tetreau.

Fairfield American exemplified a spirit of hard work and commitment indicative of the motto they wore on the back of their t-shirts: Never Give Up. This group of exceptional young men shined on Little League's biggest stage, finding unwavering strength in themselves and one another. They played every game until the final out and never quit, even when the odds were against them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing everyone who made this season a reality; the coaches, Mike Randazzo, Jorge Rivera and Wayne Righter, who have spent countless hours instilling the value of hard work and sportsmanship; the parents, whose sacrifice and engagement ensured their children had an unforgettable summer; and the players—Andrew Cutler, Anthony Falletta, An-

thony Pollack, Christian Smith, Ethan Righter, Griffin Dodder, Aidan Rivera, Leo Randazzo, Michael Iannazzo, Matthew Vivona, Owen Kalagher, Sean O'Neil, Troy Ashkinos and Tyler Bauer, who represented Connecticut proudly.

PEER-REVIEWED GULF WAR ILLNESS RESEARCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Soto amendment, Soto number 19 to Division A, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018, moved \$1 million from the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide account to the Defense Health Program's Peer-Reviewed Gulf War Illness research program.

If we are going to spend money on medical research within the Department of Defense, the Department must adequately fund research on those diseases that originate in war and wholly affect our servicemen and women. Over a quarter of a million veterans display symptoms of this disease, and the time has come to find, and fund, a cure for it.

I support funding Gulf War Illness research and thank my colleagues for their support of my amendment.

HONORING DR. TERRY FENGER OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work of Dr. Terry Fenger of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Dr. Fenger has played a key role in developing the university's highly successful Forensic Science Center, which has repeatedly been named the nation's best forensic science program.

Dr. Fenger has served as the center's director since 1994, overseeing its Digital Forensics section, Forensics DNA Analysis laboratory, and FEPAC-accredited Forensic Science Graduate Program. His passion for teaching students how to succeed in the forensic science field and caring for his fellow West Virginians is on show for all to see. By overseeing the program's role in West Virginia's sexual assault test kit initiative, Dr. Fenger has proactively taken a leadership role in helping get criminals off our streets. His expertise in his field has helped create a new generation of forensic experts to solve crimes and keep our communities safe, and I join his friends, family and colleagues in wishing him well during his hard-earned retirement. He will always

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